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Partners to Launch Formal Collaboration Against Invasive Plant Species *Event May 20 at the Great Bay Discovery Center in Greenland*

Greenland, NH – The New Hampshire Coastal Program at the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, the Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, and other partner organizations will launch an exciting partnership to control invasive plants at an event scheduled for May 20, 2008. The partnership will focus on plants that are not native to New Hampshire that aggressively degrade the quality of our lands and waters.

The event will provide information on the Coastal Watershed Invasive Plant Partnership (CWIPP), a group of state, federal and nongovernmental organizations committed to protecting our coastal lands from these destructive plants. See a hands-on demonstration of an invasive plant control technique. Be a part of the ceremony, where 11 signatories will use Phragmites, a locally made pen made from the stalk of one of our most prolific coastal invaders, common reed (*Phragmites australis*), to sign the official agreement that will formally begin this partnership. Photo opportunities and interviews with invasive species control professionals will be available.

Information regarding the CWIPP Kickoff Celebration is below:

What: Coastal Watershed Invasive Plant Partnership Kickoff
When: Tuesday, May 20, 2008; 10:00 a.m.
Where: Great Bay Discovery Center, Greenland, New Hampshire (directions provided below)

Parking at the Center is limited. Some additional parking is available at the Depot Station before the railroad tracks on Depot Road. Carpooling is encouraged. For more information about the event, please contact Catherine Coletti at 603-559-0024 or catherine.coletti@des.nh.gov.

Directions to Great Bay Discovery Center

The Discovery Center is located on Depot Road in Greenland, New Hampshire.

From the North on I95 or the Spaulding Turnpike, take I95 exit 3B and turn left on Rte 33. Follow Rte 33 for 5 miles. Turn right on Sandy Point Road for about a quarter mile and turn right again on Depot Road. Follow Depot Road to the end.

From the North on 108, take a left on Squamscott Road after the bridge over the Squamscott River, take another left at the lights. Take the second left onto Depot Road and follow it to the end.

From the South on I95, take exit 2 (just before the Hampton Tolls) and head West on Route 101 for 4.5 miles until you come to the exit for Rtes 33/108. Turn right at the bottom of the ramp. Follow Rte 33 for approximately 4 miles. Take the second left (Depot Road) after the Squamscott Road traffic lights. Follow Depot Road to the end.

From the West on 101, take the exit for Rtes 33/108 in Exeter, turning left at the bottom of the ramp. Follow Rte 33 for approximately 4 miles. Take the second left (Depot Road) after the Squamscott Road traffic lights. Follow Depot Road to the end.